books, financial assistance to voluntary organisations engaged in development, promotion and propagation of Indian languages etc. the use of languages for purposes of communication between the Union and the States is regulated as per provisions of Article 346 of the Constitution and the Official Languages Act, 1963. According to which the State Governments can correspond with the Central Government either in Hindi or in English language.

Area volunteers in local self-government of Delhi Administration

1488. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of about 400 Area Volunteers attached to the Urban Basic Service of the Local Self-Government of Delhi Administration have been terminated ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those volunteers were doing very useful work as area volunteers in the field of adult education programme and diarrhoea control missions in the jhuggi clusters of Delhi ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for terminating their services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (c) 400 Area Volunteers were engaged under Urban Basic Services Scheme in April, 1989 for three months. They, however, continued to work till 2-5-90 for conducting immunisation campaign etc.

Traffic signals in the Capital

1489. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of traffic signals in the Capital are out of order ;

(b) what are the reasons that M/s Keltron or the traffic police do not *suo moutto* repair traffic signals ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the traffic police have not advertised any telephone numbers to facilitate lodging of complaints in this regard by citizens; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the amount presently paid to M/s Keltron for maintenance of traffic signals in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir. However, some signals become inoperative due to mechanical failure or low voltage.

(b) Faulty traffic signals are repaired as soon as these come to the notice of M/s. Keltron /Delhi Police.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During 1989-90, Rs. 12,85, 200/- were paid to M/s. Keltron.

Delhi Gate Electronic Telephone Exchange

1490. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone connections in the Delhi Gate Telephone Exchange of the Capital that have not been connected to the Electronic Exchange commissioned recently ;

(b) what are the reasons for non-conversion of the above telephone numbers as per schedule i. e. April 1990 ; and